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Congressman Bruce Braley: Working to Expand Cancer Research, Coverage, and Prevention Efforts

In the 111th Congress, serving as a Member of the Subcommittee on Health under the Committee on Energy & Commerce, and playing an integral role in Health Care Reform

- As a Member of the Subcommittee on Health, Rep. Braley is in a good position to continue to fight for Iowa cancer patients and survivors as Health Care Reform legislation moves towards passage.

Supported HR 3962, the Affordable Health Care for America Act, which includes numerous provisions to help combat cancer, and was endorsed by the American Cancer Society and other organizations

- This bill, the House Health Care Reform measure, significantly expands cancer research, coverage, and prevention efforts. Provisions in the bill include:
 - Elimination of the use of pre-existing medical conditions and health status in determining insurance premium rates, and limiting rating differential to 2:1 on the basis of age, geography, and family size only;
 - Guaranteed issue and renewal of insurance policies, and the elimination of rescissions except in the case of fraud;
 - Elimination of annual and lifetime benefit caps;
 - Establishment of a national health insurance exchange to facilitate access and affordability;
 - Provision of premium subsidies for low- and middle-income families;
 - And limits on out-of-pocket expenses.

Successfully helped pass billions of dollars for cancer research in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

- The final Recovery Package included \$10.4 billion for the National Institutes of Health, including \$1.26 billion for the National Cancer Institute. This will provide funds for “ready-to-go” cancer research projects which have been peer-reviewed, approved, and deemed meritorious, but have not been funded due to a lack of money.
- Studies show that a single NIH research grant creates seven jobs, and for every \$1 spent in a local economy on research, \$2.25 in local economic activity is generated.
- The Recovery Package also includes \$400 million for “Challenge Grants” which can help fund cancer research looking at specific problems; \$1.1 billion to analyze different treatments of diseases and determine best practices; and \$1 billion for broad prevention and wellness efforts.
- Rep. Braley was proud to support the Recovery Package and see it signed into law by President Obama.

Worked to Increase Annual Funding for National Institutes of Health and Cancer Research

- Rep. Braley supported H.R. 1105, the Fiscal Year 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act on February 25, 2009 by a vote of 245-178.
- The Omnibus includes \$30.3 billion for NIH in FY09, which is an increase of \$938 million over FY08.

- Of those funds, the National Cancer Institute will receive \$4.97 billion, which is an increase of \$167 million over FY08 funding.
- The bill also provides funds for the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC): \$6.6 billion, which is an increase of \$239 million over FY08.
- Of the CDC total, the Cancer Prevention and Control Program will receive \$340 million in FY09 funds, an increase of \$30.8 million over FY08.

Secured \$238,000 for Rural Mobile Mammography Unit, which is now providing free mammograms to women in rural Iowa

- Worked to secure \$238,000 for Gundersen Lutheran Health System to acquire and equip a mobile mammography unit that is now traveling throughout rural Iowa and providing breast cancer screenings.

Helped pass the Conquer Childhood Cancer Act into law, and is now working to fund the program.

- Congressman Braley co-sponsored and supported the *Conquer Childhood Cancer Act of 2007* which established new research and treatment programs in the area of pediatric cancer. The *Conquer Childhood Cancer Act* requires the Director of the NIH to establish programs of research excellence in the area of pediatric cancers. The bill also develops a grant program for the establishment of research fellowships in Pediatric Cancers to support adequate numbers of pediatric focused clinical and translational investigators. This bill passed into law with Rep. Braley's support.
- Now Rep. Braley is working to fund the bill, and in April 2009 sent a letter to his House Colleagues encouraging them to fully fund the *Conquer Childhood Cancer Act*.

Working to expand our knowledge of, and care for, Pancreatic Cancer

- Rep. Braley is a cosponsor of HR 745, the Pancreatic Cancer Research and Education Act, which would establish and implement a Pancreatic Cancer Initiative and educate providers about the disease.

Fighting for funding for the Department of Defense's Peer-Reviewed Breast Cancer Research Program

- Rep. Braley has repeatedly supported increases in funding for this important program, which will help increase our understanding of, and find better treatments for, breast cancer.

In the 110th Congress, co-sponsor of the Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act

- Congressman Braley co-sponsored the *Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act* which would require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants available that would be used to operate breast cancer research centers. The bill would also require the Secretary to establish a Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Panel to operate these centers.

In the 110th Congress, co-sponsor of the Cancer Screening, Treatment, and Survivorship Act

- Congressman Braley co-sponsored the *Cancer Screening, Treatment, and Survivorship Act of 2007* which would improve screening and treatment of cancer and provide services for cancer survivors.

In the 110th Congress, co-sponsor of a bill to Issue a Postage Stamp to Support Breast Cancer Research

- Congressman Braley co-sponsored a bill that would require the U.S. Postal Service to issue a postage stamp to support breast cancer research.